

**RURAL DISTRICT of BUCKINGHAM**

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**ANNUAL REPORT**

of the

**MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH**

and of the

**CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR**

and

**SURVEYOR**

for the year

**1964**

## List of Parishes in the Council's Area.

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Addington	Marsh Gibbon
Adstock	Middle Claydon
Akeley	Padbury
Barton Hartshorne	Poundon
Beachampton	Preston Bissett
Biddlesden	Radclive-cum-Chackmore
Charndon	Shalstone
Chetwode	Steeple Claydon
Edgcott	Stowe
Foxcote	Thornborough
Hillesden	Thornton
Leckhampstead	Tingewick
Lillingstone Dayrell	Turweston
Lillingstone Lovell	Twyford
Luffield Abbey	Water Stratford
Maids Moreton	Westbury

1964

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(The Medical Officer of Health is also M.O.H. for Buckingham M.B., the Urban Districts of Bletchley, Newport Pagnell and Wolverton, the Rural Districts of Newport Pagnell and Winslow, Area Medical Officer for North Bucks and Divisional School Medical Officer for the North Bucks Division and the Buckingham and Winslow District).

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# BUCKINGHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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COUNCIL OFFICES,  
SCHOOL LANE,

3rd May, 1965

BUCKINGHAM.

*To the Chairman and Members of Buckingham Rural District Council.*

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1964.

The corrected Birth Rate of 19.7 shows a slight rise on last year and still compares very favourably with that for the County and is higher than the National Rate.

The Death Rate shows a satisfactory drop on last year. It is not only lower than the County Rate but is three points lower than the National Rate. As again the main killers were Heart and Allied Diseases and Cancer. They accounted for 56 of the total of 79 deaths.

Infantile Mortality shows the most satisfactory return of NIL as against the National Rate of 20 per 1,000 live births. However, you will note that there were 4 still births notified. I sincerely hope that your Council will keep up the pressure on the Regional Hospital Board so that a Specialist Obstetrician attends Buckingham Hospital weekly.

This, I regret, is my last report to you as I retire very shortly. I have had 18 years in the service of your Council and I wish to thank you for your kindness to me and also congratulate you on the great interest you have at all times shown in the Welfare and Health of your District.

To Mr. Floyd, Mr. Sharpe and their staffs my grateful thanks are also due, for their most helpful co-operation always.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Your Obedient Servant,  
DANIEL H. WALDRON.

# SECTION A.

## Vital Statistics.

	1963	1964
Area (in acres) .. ..	54,543	54,543
Population .. ..	9,440	9,530
Number of Inhabited Houses ..	2,820	2,855
Rateable Value at 31.12.64 ..	£106,164	£319,626
Rate Poundage at 31.3.65 ..	9/-	8/9 $\frac{1}{4}$
Estimated 1d. Rate at 31.3.65	£1,105/4/7	£1,190/-/-
Births :		
Legitimate—Males ..	72	68
,,       Females ..	70	71
Illegitimate—Males ..	2	3
,,       Females ..	2	6
Birth rate per 1000 population	19.6	19.7
Do.               (Bucks.)	19.2	20.1
Do.       (England & Wales)	18.2	81.4
Deaths—Males .. ..	55	32
,,   Females .. ..	39	47
Death rate per 1000 population	10.0	8.3
Do.               (Bucks.)	9.9	8.7
Do.       (England & Wales)	12.2	11.3
Maternal Mortality Rate ..	Nil	Nil
Do.       (England & Wales)	0.28	0.37
Infantile Mortality		
Deaths of Infants under 1		
year of age :		
per 1,000 live births ..	13.7	Nil
Ditto for Bucks. ..	17.6	16.7
Ditto for England & Wales	20.9	20.0
Still Births .. ..	1	4

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH :	1963			1964		
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
Influenza ... ..	0	0	0	0	0	0
Respiratory Tuberculosis ...	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Tuberculosis ... ..	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cancer ... ..	7	7	14	6	10	16
Diabetes ... ..	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cerebral Haemorrhage ...	3	7	10	7	6	13
Heart Disease ... ..	23	14	37	11	14	25
Other Circulatory Diseases...	1	0	1	1	1	2
Bronchitis ... ..	3	2	5	1	1	2
Pneumonia ... ..	1	1	2	1	3	4
Other Respiratory Diseases	1	0	1	0	0	0
Digestive Diseases ... ..	1	1	2	0	1	1
Nephritis ... ..	0	0	0	1	0	1
Pregnancy, Child Birth, Abortion ... ..	0	0	0	0	0	0
Congenital Causes ... ..	0	0	0	0	0	0
Accidents ... ..	7	0	7	2	2	4
All other Causes ... ..	8	7	15	2	9	11
TOTALS ... ..	<u>55</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>79</u>

## SECTION B

### General Provision of Health Services

#### 1. LABORATORY FACILITIES.

Specimens for bacteriological investigation were sent to the Public Health Laboratory, Oxford, as in previous years. Specimens for qualitative and quantitative analysis had to be sent to London.

#### 2. AMBULANCE SERVICE.

This radio controlled service, administered by the County Health Department, has a main station at Bletchley and sub-stations at Buckingham, Wolverton and Newport Pagnell, to cover the North Bucks Area. The service deals with all types of cases, general, accident, and infectious disease.

#### 3. NURSING FACILITIES.

The District Nurses in the Buckingham Rural Area carried out their duties in their usual conscientious manner.

#### 4. CLINICS.

(a) *Child Welfare Centres.* There are five static Welfare Centres serving the District, located as follows :

Buckingham (twice monthly)	Twyford (once monthly)
Steeple Claydon (do.)	Winslow (twice monthly)
Thornborough (once monthly)	

The work of the Mobile Welfare Unit continued during the year and the following villages were visited :

Akeley.	Leckhampstead.	Preston Bissett.
Adstock.	Lillingstone Dayrell.	Shalstone.
Calvert.	Maids Moreton.	Thornton.
Chackmore	Padbury.	Tingewick.
Charndon.		Westbury.



The District Nurse and Health Visitor attended each Session, and a Medical Officer attended once monthly. Immunizations against Diphtheria, Whooping cough, Poliomyelitis and Tetanus, were carried out at all centres. During the year attendances by children totalled 3,601.

Once again I should like to pay tribute to the good work done at these Clinics by the members of the Ladies' Voluntary Committees.

(b) *Chest Clinic*.—The Clinic holds weekly sessions at Buckingham Hospital and is administered jointly by the Regional Hospital Board and the County Health Department. A chest physician attends each session. It is equipped with X-ray plant and is doing excellent work.

(c) *Orthopaedic Clinic*.—This clinic is organised by the Wingfield-Morris Hospital, Oxford. It holds two sessions a month at the Town Hall, Buckingham, and an Orthopaedic surgeon attends alternate sessions.

## 5. HOSPITALS.

The following Hospitals served the area during the year :—

Buckingham Hospital.  
Aylesbury Group.  
Oxford Group.  
Northampton Group.  
Creaton Sanitorium.

## 6. DOMESTIC HELP SERVICE.

This service, which for some time had been administered on behalf of the County Council by the Women's Voluntary Service, is now administered direct with three whole time Domestic Help Organizers covering the North Bucks Area.

During the year 69 cases were assisted in the Buckingham Area.



## 7. BACKWARD CHILDREN.

The County Medical Officer of Health has sent the following report :—" Children from Buckingham and surrounding areas continue to attend the Training Centre at Bletchley. Transport is provided and 13 children attend. For further information please refer to the Annual Report of the County Medical Officer of Health for 1964."

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## SECTION C.

### Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

#### 1. WATER SUPPLY.

The Bucks Water Board, of which your Council is a constituent authority, continued to supply every parish with water.

The Engineer and Manager of the Bucks Water Board has supplied the following information :—

- (a) Mains extensions were carried out at :—
  - 1. Back Street, Adstock—3" diameter ... 189 yards
  - 2. Twyford Road, Preston Bissett—3" dia-  
meter ... .. 16 yards
- (b) There has been no change in treatment at the Foscoate Works during the year and the water produced has been of satisfactory quality.
- (c) The carbon in the carbon filters was found to require replacement and this was done in May, since which date the plant has been working satisfactorily and there have been no complaints of taste.

The average daily quantity treated has approached the design figure of two million gallons per day, with peak demands above this figure, which has necessitated the supply from Foxcote being supplemented by water from High Wycombe.

The average daily quantity of water supplied from Foscoate Treatment Works daily during the past five years is as follows :—

1960	1,500,000	gallons.
1961	1,750,000	„
1962	1,798,000	„
1963	1,850,000	„
1964	2,000,000	„

### Sampling—Main Supply.

(a)	Quantity—satisfactory.	
(b)	Quality—satisfactory.	
(c)	1. Samples taken from the supply (which fell into Class I of the Ministry of Health's grading) ... ..	6
	2. Samples taken from storage tanks and upon analysis found to be slightly contaminated (Informal action was taken in these cases with the owners of the premises concerned for the storage tanks to be thoroughly cleansed) ... ..	4
	3. Samples taken from storage tanks and upon analysis found to be satisfactory ... ..	4
	4. Samples taken from mixed supply, i.e. partly main supply and partly private supply and found upon analysis to be unsatisfactory ...	1
		satisfactory ... 3
(d)	Estimated number of premises on supply ...	2700
(e)	Estimated number of population served ...	9263

### Sampling—Other Sources.

(a)	Samples taken ... ..	9
(b)	Samples found upon analysis to be unfit ...	5
	(in these cases informal action was taken with the owners of the property concerned to provide a wholesome supply).	

During the year, 33 new dwellings and six existing dwellings (with no piped water supply) were connected to the Board's mains.

## Summary of Results of Water Samples taken from other than Main Supply for Bacteriological Examination during the past Ten Years.

<i>Year</i>	<i>No. of Samples taken and examined</i>	<i>Result</i>	
		<i>Satisfactory</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory</i>
1955	12	1	11
1956	4	3	1
1957	6	2	4
1958	13	5	8
1959	12	5	7
1960	16	8	8
1961	9	2	7
1962	7	2	5
1963	7	2	5
1964	9	4	5
Totals	95	34	61
		64.2% unsatisfactory.	

### 2. RIVERS AND STREAMS.

A severe pollution of the Lillingstone Lovell Brook occurred during the year due to the discharge of farm effluent. Strong representations were made to the farmer concerned and the pollution was abated.

The pollution of ditches in a number of villages was aggravated by the very dry spell during the summer and autumn but every effort was made to keep the ditches cleaned out and to prevent stagnation.

The pollution of a considerable length of ditch at Maids Moreton was abated with the completion of the sewerage of the remainder of that village.

Representations were made to the Great Ouse River Board with a view to the submission of a scheme for flood prevention at Thornborough village. The Internal

Drainage Board cleaned out water courses from Lower End Bridge, Thornborough, to the main river during the year and the Council undertook to clean out a further section of stream from the Lower End Bridge to the New Inn.

### 3. SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

*Twyford.*—A contract was let and work commenced during the year for the execution of further works to deal with the separation of rainwater and the installation of a relief pipe from the Pumping Station to an adjacent water course.

*Charndon.*—Further progress has been made on the main drainage system for Charndon and it is hoped that tenders will be invited early in 1965.

*Maids Moreton.*—The Contractor made satisfactory progress on the installation of sewers and ejector station together with pumping main connecting to the Buckingham Borough Council's sewer. The whole of the works was completed towards the middle of 1964.

*Preston Bissett, Westbury and Shalstone.*—The preparatory work on these Schemes is well advanced and negotiations are proceeding for the purchase of the sites for the sewage disposal works at Westbury and Preston Bissett. The sites for sewage disposal plant and pumping station for Shalstone have been acquired.

*Chackmore.*—The extension sewer to serve The Moors, Chackmore, comprising 175 linear yards of 6" diameter glazed stoneware pipes was completed during the year.

The following villages are now provided with modern sewage disposal works and serve approximately 50% of the total population of the district :—

Chackmore.	Completed in 1939.
Steeple Claydon.	Completed in 1939.
Tingewick.	Completed during the War by the War Department and taken over by the Council in 1949. Extended in 1956 by War Department.
Thornborough.	Completed in 1953.
Marsh Gibbon.	Completed in 1956.
Adstock and Padbury.	Completed in 1959.
Hillesden—Church End.	Completed in 1959.
Hillesden—The Hamlet.	Completed in 1960.
Water Stratford.	Completed in 1959.
Akeley.	Completed in 1960.
Twyford.	Completed in 1963.
Maids Moreton (part).	Completed in 1964.

These works functioned satisfactorily throughout the year and good effluent standards were maintained. The maintenance staff carried out their duties in a satisfactory maner.

*General.*—The Council installed toilet facilities and wash hand basins at various disposal works during the year.

### *Farm Effluents*

Following the issue of 25 consent notices during 1963 to discharge farm effluents into the Public Sewer, notice of appeal was given by the National Farmers Union and appeals lodged with the Ministry of Housing and Local Government in respect of two farms. The Minister held an Inquiry into the appeals in November but no report has been received by the end of the year.



#### 4. WATER CLOSETS.

During the year 76 water closets were installed by the owners of private properties as follows :—

New premises	...	40
Existing premises	...	36

#### 5. PUBLIC CLEANSING.

The weekly kerbside collection of household refuse throughout the District which has been in operation since October 1961, continued during the year.

The schedule of collection in operation is as follows :—

*Every Monday—* Beachampton ; Calvert ; Charndon ; Middle Claydon ; Thornborough and Thornton.

*Every Tuesday—* Addington ; Adstock ; Edgcott ; Padbury ; Steeple Claydon and Verney Junction.

*Every Wednesday—* Barton Hartshorne ; Biddlesden ; Chetwode ; Hillesden ; Preston Bissett ; Shalstone ; Turweston and Westbury.

*Every Thursday—* Chackmore ; Maids Moreton ; Marsh Gibbon ; Poundon ; Stowe and Twyford.

*Every Friday—* Akeley ; Foscote ; Leckhampstead ; Lillingstone Dayrell ; Lillingstone Lovell ; Radcliffe ; Tingewick and Water Stratford.

The refuse collection vehicles continued to give satisfactory service and no serious breakdowns occurred. The time is fast approaching when the Council will have to give consideration to replacing the original Dennis Paxit vehicle, which has operated for the past  $8\frac{1}{2}$  years.



During the latter part of the year, the Minister of Housing and Local Government advised the Council that he had appointed one of his Inspectors to hold an Inquiry relating to refuse disposal and collection service. This Inquiry took place in November.

Test weighing of vehicles was carried out during 1964 for a period of one week to ascertain the amount of household refuse collected throughout the District.

Details are as follows :—

		tons cwts. qrs.		
278 SBH	...	19	18	2
XPP 88	...	17	11	1
TNM 665	...	1	2	2
Total	...	38	12	1

All refuse was disposed of by tipping in a disused clay pit at Calvert on land rented by the Council. This tip has been in use for the last seven years and although a considerable quantity of refuse has been deposited there, a large area remains to be filled and this tip should meet the Council's requirements for a number of years.

A total quantity of 300 cubic yards of imported excavated material was used for covering purposes.

Regular inspections and treatments for rodents were carried out and the tip face sprayed with insecticides at frequent intervals, to keep fly nuisances to a minimum.

Notices were served during the year under Section 75 of the Public Health Act, 1936, on the owners and

occupiers of 7 premises requiring them to provide a satisfactory dustbin. 51 bins were provided by the Council and an annual charge of 7s. 6d. made in respect of each dustbin provided.

Up to the 31st December, 1964, a total of 274 dustbins had been provided by the Council.

The total income from the sale of waste paper and scrap iron during the year amounted to £89 16s. 2d.

The work of cleansing septic tanks and cesspools continued to be carried out by contract at four-monthly intervals and has been executed in a satisfactory manner.

## 6. SCHOOLS.

Works of repair and re-decoration have been carried out during the year by the County Education Committee at several village schools. New classrooms were virtually completed at Marsh Gibbon Primary School and works were in progress for the construction of a new Primary School at Maids Moreton.

## 7. SWIMMING BATHS.

There are no public swimming baths in the Rural District but rural residents in the summertime, as well as school children, used the open air one in the Borough of Buckingham.

## 8. RODENT CONTROL.

Work during the year by the rodent operative has again been carried out in a satisfactory manner :—

### Work of Inspection and Control

(a) Number of complaints received	...	...	108
(b) Number of Properties inspected and visits carried out	...	...	612
(c) Number of properties found infested with rats	...	...	291
(d) Number of properties found infested with mice	...	...	59

The revenue derived from treatment of business premises during the year amounted to £116 17s. 0d.

### 9. OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

Certain sections of this Act came into force on 1st May and the main provisions operated from 1st August.

The Act places a duty on occupiers of offices, shops and railway premises to make application for registration of premises to the appropriate Authority.

During the year 11 applications were received and the following premises registered :—

Offices	...	...	2
Retail Shops	...	...	7
Wholesale Warehouses	...	...	1
Catering Establishments	...	...	1

Number of Inspections carried out 6.

Number of Contraventions, 7.

### 10. FACTORIES ACT 1961.

The table below shows the position during 1964 as far as work-places and factories are concerned and the inspections made for purposes as to health and sanitation.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors) :

<i>Premises</i> (1)	<i>Number on Register</i> (2)	<i>Number of</i>		
		<i>Inspections</i> (3)	<i>Written Notices</i> (4)	<i>Occupier prosecuted</i> (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authorities	3	2	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	20	16	1	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total ...	23	18	1	Nil

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found :—

<i>Particulars</i> (1)	<i>Number of cases in which defects were found</i>				<i>Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted</i> (6)
	<i>Found</i> (2)	<i>Remedied</i> (3)	<i>Referred</i> <i>To H.M. Inspector</i> (4)		<i>B. H.M. Inspector</i> (5)
Want of Cleanliness (S.1) ...	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
Overcrowding (S.2) ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(a) Insufficient					
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...					
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other offences against the act (not including offences relating to Outwork). ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total ...	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil

Part VIII of The Act—Outwork (Sections 110 and 111)—Nil.

# 11. THE CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960.

Number of Site Licences issued	...	...	...	3
Number of Inspections	...	...	...	40
Nuisances found to exist	...	...	...	—

# 12. DRAINAGE.

Good progress has again been made in this field of operations and during the year alterations and the relaying of defective drainage systems were carried out at 51 existing premises.

Eighteen septic tanks, serving twenty-five dwellings were constructed during the year.

Number of New drains examined	...	...	107
Number of visits for that purpose	...	...	288
Number of W.C.'s installed	...	...	76
Number of new soil and ventilating pipes installed	...	...	45

# 13. PETROLEUM (REGULATIONS) ACTS 1928 AND 1936.

During the licensing year 1964, one underground tank was subjected to a pressure re-test. This tank satisfied the test.

Number of Petroleum Licences, December 1964 :—

500 gallons or less	...	...	...	28
Over 500 gallons but not more than 1,000 gallons	...	...	...	9
Over 1,000 gallons	...	...	...	5
Total licences issued	...	...	...	42
Number of tests carried out	...	...	...	1

## 14. INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Enquiries in connection with infectious disease	216
Number of visits re disinfection ... ..	Nil

## 15. HOUSING AND BUILDING BYELAWS.

A total of 175 plans was deposited for byelaw approval during the year ; an increase of 27 on the number deposited during 1963. 199 applications were made for Planning consent of which 33 were refused.

Number of plans deposited for new houses (Including 89 new housing units)	24
Number of plans deposited for other works	151
Visits in connection with building byelaws	976

## 16. OTHER CLASSIFIED VISITS.

Housing visits under the Housing Acts ... ..	80
Housing visits under the Public Health Acts ...	41
Visits re water supply ... ..	76
Visits re drainage and sewerage ... ..	106
Visits re refuse collection ... ..	40
Visits re refuse disposal ... ..	97
Visits in connection with sewage disposal ...	475
Schools ... ..	1
General nuisances ... ..	29
Overcrowding ... ..	5
Visits to Shops and Licensed Premises ... ..	190
Visits to Canteens ... ..	1
Unclassified and Miscellaneous ... ..	508
Stables and Piggeries ... ..	13

A brief summary of other inspections and visits made during 1964 is appended below :—

Total number of visits to premises ... ..	3245
Complaints received ... ..	21
Informal notices served ... ..	43
Statutory Notices served :	
Section 75, Public Health Act, 1936 ...	7



## SECTION D.

The total number of Council Houses erected Post War is now 459. The rate of progress during the year decreased slightly from that of the previous year, the figures for the last three years being 18, 8 and 6 respectively. By the end of the year two bungalows and 4 houses were under construction as compared with 4 houses and 6 bungalows the previous year.

### Erection of Post War Council Houses up to December 1964

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Houses</i>	<i>Bungalows</i>	<i>Total Completed</i>	<i>Under Construction</i>
Adstock ... ..	16	—	16	—
Akeley ... ..	16	—	16	—
Beachampton ... ..	10	—	10	—
Biddlesden ... ..	4	—	4	—
Charndon ... ..	10	2	12	—
Chetwode ... ..	4	—	4	—
Edgcott ... ..	8	—	8	—
Hillesden ... ..	10	—	10	—
Leckhampstead ... ..	4	—	4	—
Lillingstone Lovell ... ..	4	—	4	—
Maids Moreton ... ..	15	—	15	—
Marsh Gibbon ... ..	28	2	30	—
Middle Claydon ... ..	4	—	4	—
Padbury ... ..	30	4	34	—
Poundon ... ..	3	—	3	—
Preston Bissett ... ..	17	2	19	—
Radclive-cum-Chackmore ... ..	4	—	4	—
Steeple Claydon... ..	62	45	107	—
Stowe ... ..	2	—	2	4
Thornborough ... ..	22	—	22	—
Thornton ... ..	4	—	4	—
Tingewick ... ..	51	17	68	6
Turweston ... ..	6	—	6	—
Twyford ... ..	28	4	32	—
Water Stratford ... ..	—	4	4	—
Westbury ... ..	17	—	17	—
Total ... ..	379	80	459	10

Total number of houses erected and occupied during the year 1964 ... ..	6
Total number of houses built and owned by the Authority ... ..	758
Pre-War—299. Post-War—459.	

### *Fifteenth Building Programme.*

Contracts were let for 24 houses included in this Programme and works commenced on 6 houses at Tingewick and 4 at Dadford during the year.

The Minister considered the negotiated price for 14 houses at Maids Moreton showed excessive costs as far as site works were concerned and asked the Council to review the matter to effect a saving. It was possible to exclude certain matters and it is hoped that the Minister will give approval to the reduced figure so that works can commence early in 1965.

### *Three Year Building Programme.*

The Council adopted a Three Year Building Programme as follows:—

<i>First Year (1965)</i>	Steeple Claydon	...	...	16
	Marsh Gibbon	...	...	8
				—
				24
				—
<i>Second Year (1966)</i>	Akeley	...	...	8
	Padbury	...	...	12
	Twyford	...	...	4
				—
				24
				—
<i>Third Year (1967)</i>	Charndon	...	...	5
	Tingewick	...	...	14
	Westbury	...	...	5
				—
				24
				—

# Erection of Post War Houses by Private Enterprise up to December 1964

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Houses</i>	<i>Bunga- lows</i>	<i>Total Com- pleted</i>	<i>Under Constr- uction</i>	<i>By Other Author- ities</i>
Akeley ... ..	2	5	7	2	
Adstock ... ..	18	1	19	13	
Barton Hartshorne ...	—	1	1	—	
Beachampton ... ..	4	—	4	2	
Biddlesden ... ..	5	2	7	—	
Charndon ... ..	3	13	16	—	
Chetwode ... ..	—	1	1	—	
Edgcott ... ..	1	1	2	—	
Foscote ... ..	—	—	—	1	
Hillesden ... ..	2	1	3	—	
Leckhampstead ... ..	1	—	1	—	
Lillingstone Lovell ...	—	2	2	—	
Maids Moreton ... ..	6	6	12	14	
Marsh Gibbon ... ..	12	6	18	1	2
Middle Claydon ... ..	2	—	2	—	
Padbury ... ..	18	2	20	1	
Poundon ... ..	6	—	6	—	
Preston Bissett ... ..	—	3	3	—	
Radclive-cum-Chackmore	5	1	6	—	
Shalstone ... ..	1	2	3	—	
Steeple Claydon... ..	11	10	21	1	1
Stowe ... ..	20	7	27	—	
Thornborough ... ..	5	6	11	6	
Thornton ... ..	—	2	2	—	
Tingewick ... ..	1	19	20	2	
Turweston ... ..	2	1	3	—	
Twyford ... ..	3	3	6	1	
Water Stratford... ..	1	3	4	—	
Westbury ... ..	11	4	15	—	
Total ... ..	140	102	242	44	3

Total number of houses erected and occupied  
during the year 1964 ... .. 38

Houses erected by other Authorities and occupied  
during 1964 ... .. 2

A total of 38 private enterprise dwellings was completed and occupied during the year as compared with

15 the previous year. By the end of 1964, 14 dwellings were in various stages of construction.

### *Improvement of Existing Council Houses.*

During the year hot water systems were installed in 31 houses and conversion works for the provisions of bathrooms, w.c., etc., were completed in respect of a further 18 houses.

The total number of houses improved with the aid of Standard Grant up to the end of the year is 162.

Contracts were let for the provision of bathrooms, w.c., etc. in a further 16 houses and work commenced towards the end of the year. Works for the provision of hot water systems were in progress at a further twenty houses.

With the completion of these works, there will remain 50 pre-war houses to be dealt with out of a total of 289.

### *Provision of Garages.*

Fixed price tenders were accepted by the Council and approved by the Minister and works executed during the year for the provision of 46 garage bases and 40 pre-fabricated concrete garages at Marsh

Gibbon, Steeple Claydon and Twyford.

Tenders were also accepted and approved by the Minister for the erection of a further 26 garages at Akeley, Charndon and Preston Bissett.

A summary of the action taken with regard to Slum Clearance is shewn in the following table:—

## SLUM CLEARANCE — First Programme

### SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN FROM OCTOBER 1955 TO 31ST DECEMBER 1964

Parish	Number of Unfit Houses in Slum Clearance Programme	Action Taken							Owned by Local Authority resolution to demolish	Informal Action	Action to be Taken — Remaining
		Clearance Area Made (Number of Premises)	Demolition Order Made	Closing Order Made	Undertaking not to re-let for human habitation	Undertaking to make fit for human habitation	Demolished	Deleted from Programme	Represented and upon which action was deferred		
Adstock ...	8		8				8				Nil
Barton Hartshorne	1		1				1				Nil
Charndon ...	6	6					5				Nil
Hillesden ...	4		4				4				Nil
Maids Moreton	12†	9	3				3				Nil
Marsh Gibbon	6			1		3†					Nil <sup>2*</sup>
Padbury ...	8		6		2		8				Nil
Preston Bissett	14		2	1	6		7	1		2	Nil
Steeple Claydon	1				1						Nil
Thornborough	9		3		1		5	3		2	Nil
Tingewick	8		4	1		3†)	4				Nil
Turweston	3						1		2	1	2
Twyford ...	12	7	5				12				Nil
Water Stratford ...	5		2			2†	2			1†	Nil
TOTALS ...	97†	22	38	3	10	8	60	4	2	6	4

NOTE.—\*Action to be deferred during present tenant's lifetime. † Rendered fit.

†Amended figure

During the year the Ministry of Housing and Local Government confirmed without modification a Clearance Order in respect of 3 properties at Tingewick.

**Other Dwellings not included in the Slum Clearance Programme but dealt with during 1964.**

Leckhampstead	...	3	Demolition Orders
Adstock	...	1	Demolition Order

## SLUM CLEARANCE — Second Programme

Summary of Action taken by 31st December, 1964.

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Number of Unfit Houses in Programme</i>	<i>Action Taken</i>						<i>Action to be taken — Remaining</i>
		<i>Clearance Order made (Number of Premises)</i>	<i>Demolition Order Made</i>	<i>Closing Order Made</i>	<i>Undertaking not to Relet for Habitation</i>	<i>Undertaking to Render Fit for Habitation</i>	<i>Demolished</i>	<i>Represented and Under Consideration</i>
Chetwode ...	4		1	1	2		1	
Hillesden ...	2					2*		
Maids Moreton	1							1
Padbury ...	2		2				2	
Stowe ...	1			1				
Thornborough	2				2			
Tingewick ...	7	3	2			2		
Total ...	19	3	5	2	4	4	3	1

\*Rendered fit without formal action.

**Houses included in Clearance Orders confirmed by the Minister Pre-War but not yet demolished.**

<i>Parish</i>	<i>No. of Houses</i>	<i>No. still occupied</i>	<i>No. of persons in occupation</i>
Stowe ...	7	1	1



# INSPECTION AND ACTION DURING THE YEAR.

Number of houses found to be in a state unfit for habitation ... ..	7
Number of houses in respect of which an undertaking was signed to render the premises fit for habitation ... ..	—
Number of houses in respect of which an undertaking was signed that the premises owned would not be re-let for habitation ... ..	2
Number of houses found to be unfit and upon which a Demolition order was made ...	4
(Action in respect of one dwelling already taken Closing Order revoked and Demolition Order made).	
Number of houses found to be unfit and upon which a Closing Order was made ... ..	1
Number of houses found to be unfit and under consideration ... ..	—
Number of houses found to be unfit and upon which a Clearance Order was made ... ..	—

## OVERCROWDING.

One serious case of overcrowding was investigated and abated during the year. It was found that three families were occupying one small dwelling—a total of 8 adults, and 7 children. The permitted number for overcrowding purposes being  $9\frac{1}{2}$ , whereas the equivalent number was 13.

## IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

As in previous years, the number of applications received for improvement grants, to say the least, is very disappointing.



There are a large number of dwellings in the district which still have a useful life but which are lacking in modern amenities and it would appear that pressure will have to be brought to bear to compel owners to modernise.

*Discretionary Improvement Grants.* Fourteen applications for grants in respect of sixteen premises were made, thirteen of which received approval and the maximum grant of 50% was recommended in each case.

The total grant aid approved during the year amounted to £4,522 0. 0. an average of £301 9. 4. per house.

#### Discretionary Grants—Completions

<i>Year</i>	<i>No. of Dwellings to be improved</i>	<i>Additional Units to be provided by conversion</i>
1951	1	—
1952	—	1
1953	—	—
1954	9	—
1955	16	2
1956	19	—
1957	19	—
1958	11	3
1959	12	—
1960	25	—
1961	27	3
1962	8	—
1963	5	—
1964	9	—
	161	9

Number of Properties in respect of which grants were approved by the Council during 1964.

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Amount of Grant Aid approved by the Council  
during 1964 ..... £4,522 0. 0.

Total number of properties in respect of which  
grants were approved by the Council to the  
31st December, 1964 ... 195

Total amount of Grant Aid approved by the  
Council to the 31st December, 1964 £59,726 18. 3.

### *Standard Improvement Grants.*

#### **Applications approved during 1964**

<i>Parish</i>	<i>No. of Houses involved</i>	<i>Standard amenities to be provided</i>				
		<i>W.C.</i>	<i>Wash Basin</i>	<i>Bath in Bath-room</i>	<i>Hot Water supply</i>	<i>Food Store</i>
Akeley ...	1	1	1	1	1	—
Hillesden ...	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lillingstone Lovell	1	1	—	—	—	1
Maids Moreton ...	7	7	7	7	7	7
Marsh Gibbon ...	1	1	1	1	1	1
Padbury ...	2	—	2	2	2	1
Preston Bissett ...	1	1	—	—	—	—
Radcliffe-cum-Chackmore ...	1	—	1	1	1	1
Twyford ...	1	1	—	—	—	—
Totals ...	16	13	13	13	13	12

Up to the 31st December, 1964, works for the provision of standard amenities have been completed in respect of 44 properties.

Amount of grant aid approved by the Council during 1964 (maximum) :—£2,122 0. 0.

Total number of properties in respect of which grants were approved by the Council to 31st December, 1964 : 65.

Total amount of grant aid approved by the Council to 31st December, 1964 (maximum) :—£7,562 0. 0.

Actual amount of grant paid by the Council to 31st December, 1964 :—£3,887 10. 0. in respect of 40 properties.

## SECTION E.

### Inspection and Supervision of Food.

#### MILK.

Reports were received regarding the existence of brucella in three dairy herds.

In all three cases it was ascertained that milk from the herds was being sold partly to a pasteuriser and partly in its raw state and it was necessary to impose restrictions on the sale of the raw milk and divert all milk produced at the farm for pasteurisation until such time as the herds were clear of infection.

#### Milk and Dairies Regulations 1959.

Number of Dairies registered...	...	...	...	...	1
Inspections	...	...	...	...	1

All dealers' licences, other than those issued by the Ministry are issued by the County Council, as the Food and Drugs Authority.

#### ICE CREAM.

Total number of retailers on register	...	...	...	...	54
New applications received and Premises registered	...	...	...	...	—
Inspections	...	...	...	...	17

Samples of ice cream have been taken from premises serving ice cream to the public. These samples were sent to the Public Health Laboratory, Oxford, for bacteriological examination by the methylene blue reduction test and were graded as follows:—

Provisional Grade I	...	...	...	...	Nil
Do. II	...	...	...	...	4
Do. III	...	...	...	...	Nil
Do. IV	...	...	...	...	Nil

This test affords a simple means for the grading of the bacteriological cleanliness of ice cream.

A sample iced lolly was submitted for analysis and the report showed no evidence of bacteriological infection.

## MEAT AND SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

During the year a total of 2,148 animals was slaughtered for meat in the two licensed private slaughterhouses in the district. Once again 100% inspection of the meat after slaughter was carried out. There was a slight decrease in numbers of animals killed.

It is with every satisfaction that I have to report for the fourth year in succession that no cases of tuberculosis were found in adult cattle slaughtered during the year.

There were four cases of localised cysticercosis, as compared with three cases in 1963.

Out of a total of 536 pigs slaughtered, 15 were found to be affected with localized tuberculosis. The percentage of the carcasses inspected, affected by tuberculosis, was 2.80 as compared with 1.98 the previous year.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in  
whole or part :

	<i>Cattle excluding Cows</i>	<i>Cows</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep and Lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>	<i>Horses</i>
Number killed ...	254	—	1	1357	536	—
Number inspected	254	—	1	1357	536	—
<i>All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.</i>						
Whole carcases condemned ...	—	—	—	2	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	71	—	—	108	144	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with dis- ease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci ...	27.95	—	—	8.11	26.87	—
<i>Tuberculosis only.</i>						
Whole carcases condemned ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	15	—
Percentage of the inspected affected with tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	2.80	—
<i>Cysticercosis</i>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	4	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration ...	4	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and tot- ally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—

Parts or Organs condemned are classified as follows :

	<i>Veal</i>	<i>Beef</i>	<i>Pork</i>	<i>Mutton</i>	<i>Total</i>
Whole Carcase ...	—	—	—	2	2
Plucks ...	—	—	4	2	6
Livers ...	—	60	46	100	206
Heads and Tongues	—	4	16	1	21
Hearts ...	—	4	11	4	19
Lungs ...	—	16	98	12	126
Part carcase ...	1	2	1	—	4
Miscellaneous ...	—	6	2	1	19

**Approximate Total Weight 13 cwts. 0 qrs. 0 lbs.**

Number of licensed slaughterhouses	...	...	2
Visits to slaughterhouses	...	...	155
Visits to Butchers' shops	...	...	158
Number of licensed slaughtermen	...	...	7

**FOOD PREMISES.**

The premises coming within the purview of the Regulations are summarised as follows :—

School Canteens	...	...	...	...	16
Private School Kitchens	...	...	...	...	5
Factory Canteens	...	...	...	...	1
Licensed Clubs	...	...	...	...	5
Licensed Public Houses	...	...	...	...	34
Mobile Fish and Chip Vans	...	...	...	...	1
Shops—General Stores	...	...	...	...	40
Butchers	...	...	...	...	7
Bakers	...	...	...	...	1
Fishmongers	...	...	...	...	3
Total	...	...	...	...	113



A total of 85 visits and inspections was carried out at these premises during the year.

The standard of hygiene and cleanliness in the majority of the premises is reasonably good. There is no doubt that the public generally are becoming more hygiene conscious.

Food premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act 1955 are classified as follows :—

Ice Cream (registered for storage and sale)	...	54
Mobile Vans (for frying fish and chips)	... ..	1
Manufacture of Sausages	... ..	7

## KNACKERS YARDS.

There are no licensed Knackers Yards in the district.

## DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED FOOD.

All butchers' meat and other foods condemned as unfit are disposed of by burial under the control of the Department.

## FOOD POISONING.

No cases of food poisoning were notified during the year.

Following the receipt of information from the Ministry regarding a typhoid outbreak at Aberdeen, all premises handling and selling food were visited and stocks of canned meat examined to ascertain whether certain brands were held. Premises visited

included Canteens, School Canteens, retail shops, licensed public houses and clubs. A total of 212 visits was made to these premises.

#### BAKEHOUSES.

Number on register	...	...	...	...	1
Number of visits	...	...	...	...	3
Contravention of regulations	...	...	...	...	Nil

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## SECTION F.

### Prevalence of, and Control Over, Infectious and Other Diseases.

#### GENERAL.

A quiet year. There were no serious outbreaks of infectious diseases.

#### NOTIFICATIONS.

<i>Disease</i>	1963	1964
Erysipelas ...	1	1
Dysentery ...	1	—
Measles ...	178	25
Acute Primary Pneumonia ...	4	2
Scarlet Fever ...	—	1
Whooping Cough	13	18
Total ...	197	47

#### CANCER.

There were 16 deaths during the year. Of these, 6 were due to cancer of the lung.

#### TUBERCULOSIS.

No cases were notified during the year. There were no deaths.

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